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OSCE-AFGHANISTAN CONFERENCE

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¶1. (SBU) The Department concurs with Post's analysis (reftel) of the potential political costs of opposing the PC draft decision (PC.DD/16/08) on the OSCE-Afghanistan conference, and therefore instructs Post not to block consensus in support of the conference. Given the potential uncertainties with regard to the security situation in Kabul for holding this conference, however, the Department believes the draft decision should include language that opens the way for the PC to revisit the decision should there be an unforeseen deterioration in the security situation.

¶2. (U) Post should seek to amend the DD by inserting at the end of the only sentence of operative paragraph 2, the phrase: "in order to facilitate a Permanent Council review of this decision in the event of unforeseen security circumstances."

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